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1. KORNIYENKO CALLED ME TODAY AND INDICATED SOVIETS CONTINUE TO BE PUZZLED BY OUR SUGGESTION THAT APPROACHES BE MADE TO INDIA, FRANCE AND CHINA CONCERNING DANGERS OF ATMOSPHERIC NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS DURING APOLLO-SOYUZ FLIGHT. HE WONDERED WHAT MOTIVATED THIS SUGGESTION AND WHAT WE FELT MIGHT BE ACCOMPLISHED BY IT.

2. OF COUNTRIES TO BE APPROACHED, KORNIYENKO NOTED THAT INDIA IS SIGNATORY OF LTBT AND THEREFORE WOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO CONDUCT ATMOSPHEREIC NUCLEAR EXPLSOION. FRENCH HAVE MADE OFFICIAL STATEMENT THAT NO FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS WILL BE MADE IN ATMOSPHERE IN FUTURE. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, APPROACHES TO INDIA OR FRANCE MIGHT NOT BE UNDERSTOOD. SO FAR AS CHINA IS CONCERNED, KORNIYENKO SEEMED DUBIOUS ABOUT ADVISABILITY OF MAKING OUR APPROACH.

3. KORNIYENKO SAID FURTHER SOVIET CONSIDERATION OF OUR SUGGESTION WOULD BE DELAYED PENDING RECEIPT ANY COMMENTS WE MIGHT HAVE ON POINTS HE HAD RAISED, OR ANY OTHER ARGUMENTATION. MEANWHILE, IT SEEMS EVIDENT
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